

Application No.: 09/665,366

Docket No.: EN9-99-026

REMARKSStatus of Claims:

Claims 1-80 were pending in the application. Claims 46-67 and 80 are hereby cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of any subject matter contained therein. The Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute the subject matter of the present application, including any canceled claims in subsequent division, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part application(s). Claims 1-45 and 67-79 remain pending and have been allowed over the prior art.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 46-48, 51-53, 64-67, and 80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takenouchi (5,744,758) in view of Kang (5,837,119) and Pepe (5,635,010).

Claims 49-50, 54-58 and 60-63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Takenouchi/Kang/Pepe and further in view of Lake (4,915,983).

Claims 46-67 and 80 are hereby canceled merely to allow the allowed claims to issue. The Applicant does not concede any adverse inference as against the canceled claims and intends to fully prosecute the subject matter of the present application, including any canceled claims in subsequent division, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part application(s).

Conclusion.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to please charge our Deposit Account No. 09-0457 in the amount of \$1770 for a Request for Continued Examination and a Three Month Extension of Time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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